

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, May 4th, 2017

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By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a teleconference of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Subcommittee was held on May 4th, 2017

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Agenda Item 1 Subcommittee Call to Order/Roll Call Time: 1:34 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Lead, Dr. James Heston at 1:34 p.m.

Subcommittee Members present:

Edward Barrington, Doctor of Chiropractic
James Heston, Doctor of Chiropractic (*Lead*)
Daniel Holt, Doctor of Chiropractic (*joined the meeting at 1:40 p.m.*)

Division Staff present were:

Aiko Zaguirre, Licensing Examiner

Present from the Public:

Sheri Ryan, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Chiropractic Society

Agenda Item 2 Subcommittee Discussion Time: 1:34 p.m.

Subcommittee Lead, Dr. James Heston, asked Dr. Edward Barrington and Sheri Ryan to present the summary of the Alaska Chiropractic Society's (ACS) recently concluded legislative committee meeting.

ACS Legislative Committee Update

Dr. Barrington began his update by stating that the only change the subcommittee made from their April 20th meeting which was to add the language, “or a national background check” to the CCCA requirements. Dr. Barrington stated that the majority of the discussion during the ACS legislative committee meeting was whether to add language on grandfathering CCCAs who have already been employed in a clinic for at least two thousand hours. Dr. Barrington also reported that the committee decided that adding a grandfathering clause to the draft would be too cumbersome as it would require the State to scrutinize records, which is not part of the intent of both the subcommittee and the Board.

Dr. Barrington stated that one way to address the grandfathering of CCCAs who have been practicing for a long time is to have the chiropractic physicians whom they are working under sign an affidavit attesting to completing at least two thousand (2,000) hours of work. In addition to the affidavit, they also need to take the required examination through the FCLB, which would cost them \$150. Sheri Ryan reiterated Dr. Barrington’s report and also informed the subcommittee that the partnership between the Alaska Chiropractic Society and the Alaska Department of Labor to create a registered apprenticeship program would also help minimize the financial burden for the grandfathering clause. Ms. Ryan also stressed that the testing with the FCLB would help determine competency and suggested that the testing would not make it difficult for the individuals who will take it, especially as it is considered universal. Dr. Heston commended this idea and agreed with both Dr. Barrington and Ms. Ryan. Dr. Holt also applauded the ACS legislative committee for the work that they have done in regards to SB69.

Chiropractic Interns’ Scope of Practice

Dr. Heston continued the meeting by discussing the criteria set for the scope of practice of chiropractic interns. Dr. Heston wondered if they should add something that would make them accountable for the minimum professional standards that are under 12 AAC 16.920 as well as 16.930, regarding to lewd and immoral behavior of dating patients. Dr. Barrington did not see any problems in adding the two regulations suggested by Dr. Heston, and also stated that the Division’s regulations specialist, Jun Maiquis, will be able to work on adding that to the language.

On a motion duly made by Edward Barrington, seconded by Daniel Holt, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to include 12 AAC 16.920 and 12 AAC 16.930 after the coma on Sec. 08.20.170.

Dr. Barrington pondered if adding that to the draft would work. Dr. Heston suggested that can present that to the Board and have them decide and or work around it.

Dr. Heston expressed his gratitude to Dr. Barrington, Ms. Ryan, and the rest of the ACS legislative committee on the work that they have done on the drafting regulations for SB69.

Ms. Zaguirre informed the subcommittee that Board Chair, Dr. Campbell had a comment on the final draft. Dr. Campbell commented that a checksheet should be created in order to follow the regulations that were drawn out by the subcommittee. Ms. Zaguirre stated that it seems like Dr. Campbell thought there were more requirements than he had anticipated for the CCCAs. Dr. Barrington stated that since he is aware that Dr. Campbell has a lot of employees, he understands his concerns, however, he stressed that at this point it would be best to take the draft that they had created and work with that.

Ms. Ryan informed the subcommittee that she met with and was asked by Geri Andrews from the Alaska Department of Labor to have the registered apprenticeship program be approved by the Board, however, Ms. Ryan explained to Mr. Andrews that the Board cannot dictate the education; the Board may only regulate the registration as the FCLB determines which program is accepted for qualifying education to become a CCCA. Dr. Barrington pointed out that in their draft, it is noted in the first page under number three that the Board can also accept a verification from an equivalent nationally recognized program, providing flexibility. Ms. Ryan explained that the reason why she was hesitant to agree with Mr. Andrews in approving the program is due to the registered apprenticeship program taking up to two years, and also because it has components that are seemingly beyond what is required to become an apprentice in a national perspective. Ms. Ryan added that she does not want the public to be confused in terms of the minimum required training. Dr. Heston expressed the same concern when the program was first presented to the Board, which is why the subcommittee would like to require the most minimal, but competent requirements. Dr. Barrington stated that since they are not part of the Board anymore, they cannot decide on the matter, but he agreed that there should not be any more complicated steps to acquire a registration.

May 12th Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Heston asked Ms. Zaguirre if the subcommittee will be presenting during the May 12th meeting, to which she asserted to. Ms. Zaguirre informed the subcommittee that they were set to present at 1:15 p.m., and the ACS update after, at 1:30 p.m., as indicated on the Agenda and posted on the Board's website. Dr. Heston asked if they can move it to 1:30 p.m. instead, as that is a more viable time for him. Dr. Barrington also stated that 1:30 p.m. is a better time for him to present to the Board and that he can also attend in person. Dr. Barrington asked if the time for the subcommittee update and the ACS

update can be interchanged so that both he and Dr. Heston can attend. Ms. Ryan stated that she cannot think of any other updates that the ACS will have, other than the topic of SB 69. Ms. Zaguirre then informed the subcommittee that she will ask Dr. Campbell, Chair, to change the time for the updates so it can work for all parties.

Agenda Item 3

Adjourn

Time: 1:52 p.m.

With no further issues to discuss, Lead, Dr. Heston asked that the meeting be adjourned.

On a motion duly made by Daniel Holt, seconded by Edward Barrington, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Aiko Zaguirre
Licensing Examiner

Date

Reviewed by:

Dr. James Heston, Subcommittee Lead
Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Approved by:

Dr. Walter Campbell, Chair
Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners